

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A bit rate transducer in an optical transmission system, comprising: a demultiplexer for demultiplexing optical signals into different wavelength channels; a plurality of bit rate receivers coupled to the output of said demultiplexing means for converting said demultiplexed optical signals into the corresponding electrical signals and for generating a bit-rate error signal, said bit rate receiver having a sensing means for generating a temperature reference signal; a detecting section coupled to the output of said demultiplexer for generating a signal indicative of the bit rate of the optical signals outputted therefrom; and, a controller for comparing the bit rate detected by said detecting section with a predetermined data to generate a control signal that is used to adjust the bit rate of said bit rate receiver, wherein said controller compares the bit rate detected by said detecting section in response to said bit-rate error signal and said temperature reference signal.

2. (Previously Presented) The bit rate transducer of claim 1, further comprising a switch for outputting said converted electric signals from the respective said bit rate receiver to a respective bit rate transmitter.

3. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 1, further comprises a parallel-to-serial converter for converting said bit-rate error signal generated from the plurality of said bit rate receivers into serial signals, and a serial-to-parallel converter for supplying the serial signals outputted from said parallel-to-serial converter to said controller as parallel signals.

4. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 1, further comprises a first analog-to-digital converter for supplying the signal indicative of temperature of said bit rate receiver to said controller as digital signals.

5. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 1, further comprises a second analog-to-digital converter for supplying the signal indicative of bit rate detected by said detection section to said controller as digital signals.

6. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 1, wherein said predetermined data comprises a list of reference temperature with the corresponding reference bit rates.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 1, wherein said controller generates said control signal based on said temperature reference signal and said bit-rate error signal received thereon with said predetermined data.

9. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 1, further comprising a means for generating said bit-rate error signal, wherein said bit-rate error signal is generated based on a difference between the detected bit rate by said bit rate receiver and a pre-set bit rate.

10. (Currently Amended) A bit rate transducer in an optical transmission system,

comprising: a plurality of bit rate transmitters for converting incoming electrical signals into the corresponding optical signals and for generating a bit-rate error signal, said bit rate transmitter having a sensing means for generating a temperature reference signal; a multiplexer for multiplexing said converted optical signals outputted from the plurality of said bit rate transmitters; a detecting section coupled to the output of said multiplexer for generating a signal indicative of the bit rate of the electrical signals outputted therefrom; and, a controller for comparing the bit rate detected by said detecting section with a predetermined data to generate a control signal that is used to adjust the bit rate of said bit rate transmitter, wherein said controller generates said control signal based on said temperature reference signal and said bit-rate error signal received thereon with said predetermined data.

11. (Previously Presented) The bit rate transducer of claim 10, further comprising a switch for providing said incoming electrical signals to the plurality of said bit rate transmitters.

12. (Previously Presented) The bit rate transducer of claim 10, further comprises a parallel-to-serial converter for converting said bit-rate error signal generated from the plurality of said bit rate transmitters into serial signals, and a serial-to-parallel converter for supplying the serial signals outputted from said parallel-to-serial converter to said controller as parallel signals.

13. (Previously Presented) The bit rate transducer of claim 10, further comprises a

first analog-to-digital converter for supplying the signal indicative of temperature of said bit rate transmitter to said controller as digital signals.

14. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 10, further comprises a second analog-to-digital converter for supplying the signal indicative of bit rate detected by said detection section to said controller as digital signals.

15. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 10, wherein said predetermined data comprises a list of reference temperature with the corresponding reference bit rates.

16. (Original) The bit rate transducer of claim 10, wherein said controller compares the bit rate detected by said detecting section in response to said bit-rate error signal and said temperature reference signal.

17. (Canceled)